FM2A55M-DGS

User Manual

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1. Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock ***FM2A55M-DGS*** motherboard, a reliable motherboard produced under ASRock's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to ASRock's commitment to quality and endurance.

In this manual, chapter 1 and 2 contain introduction of the motherboard and step-by-step guide to the hardware installation. Chapter 3 and 4 contain the configuration guide to BIOS setup and information of the Support CD.

Because the motherboard specifications and the BIOS software might be updated, the content of this manual will be subject to change without notice. In case any modifications of this manual occur, the updated version will be available on ASRock website without further notice. You may find the latest VGA cards and CPU support lists on ASRock website as well. ASRock website http://www.asrock.com

If you require technical support related to this motherboard, please visit our website for specific information about the model you are using.
www.asrock.com/support/index.asp

1.1 Package Contents

ASRock ***FM2A55M-DGS*** Motherboard
(Micro ATX Form Factor: 8.9-in x 7.6-in, 22.6 cm x 19.3 cm)
ASRock ***FM2A55M-DGS*** Quick Installation Guide
ASRock ***FM2A55M-DGS*** Support CD
2 x Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cables (Optional)
1 x I/O Panel Shield

ASRock Reminds You...

To get better performance in Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64 bit, it is recommended to set the BIOS option in Storage Configuration to AHCI mode.

1.2 Specifications

Platform	- Micro ATX Form Factor: 8.9-in x 7.6-in, 22.6 cm x 19.3 cm - Solid Capacitor for CPU power
CPU	- Support for Socket FM2 100W processors - Supports AMD's Cool 'n' Quiet™ Technology - UMI-Link GEN2
Chipset	- AMD A55 FCH (Hudson-D2)
Memory	- Dual Channel DDR3 Memory Technology - 2 x DDR3 DIMM slots - Support DDR3 2400+(OC)/2133(OC)/1866/1600/1333/1066/ 800 non-ECC, un-buffered memory (see **CAUTION 1**) - Max. capacity of system memory: 16GB (see **CAUTION 2**) - Supports Intel® Extreme Memory Profile (XMP) 1.3 / 1.2 - Supports AMD Memory Profile (AMP)
Expansion Slot	- 1 x PCI Express 2.0 x16 slot (PCIE1 @ x16 mode) - 1 x PCI Express 2.0 x1 slot - 1 x PCI slot - Supports AMD Dual Graphics
Graphics	- AMD Radeon HD 7000 graphics - DirectX 11, Pixel Shader 5.0 - Max. shared memory 2GB - Dual VGA Output: support DVI and D-Sub ports by independent display controllers - Supports Dual-link DVI with max. resolution up to 2560x1600 @ 75Hz - Supports D-Sub with max. resolution up to 1920x1600 @ 60Hz - Supports AMD Steady Video™: New video post processing capability for automatic jutter reduction on home/online video - Supports HDCP function with DVI port - Supports Full HD 1080p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD playback with DVI port
Audio	- 5.1 CH HD Audio (Realtek ALC662 Audio Codec)
LAN	- PCIE x1 Gigabit LAN 10/100/1000 Mb/s - Realtek RTL8111E - Supports Wake-On-LAN - Supports LAN Cable Detection - Supports Energy Efficient Ethernet 802.3az - Supports PXE

Rear Panel I/O	I/O Panel - 1 x PS/2 Mouse/Keyboard Port - 1 x D-Sub Port - 1 x DVI-D Port - 4 x Ready-to-Use USB 2.0 Ports - 1 x RJ-45 LAN Port with LED (ACT/LINK LED and SPEED LED) - HD Audio Jack: Line in / Front Speaker / Microphone
Connector	- 6 x SATA2 3.0 Gb/s connectors, support RAID (RAID 0, RAID 1 and RAID 10), NCQ, AHCI and “Hot Plug” functions - 1 x IR header - 1 x CIR header - 1 x Print port header - 1 x COM port header - 1 x CPU Fan connector (4-pin) - 1 x Chassis Fan connector (4-pin) - 1 x Power Fan connector (3-pin) - 24 pin ATX power connector - 4 pin 12V power connector - Front panel audio connector - 3 x USB 2.0 headers (support 6 USB 2.0 ports)
BIOS Feature	- 64Mb AMI UEFI Legal BIOS with GUI support - Supports “Plug and Play” - ACPI 1.1 Compliance Wake Up Events - Supports jumperfree - SMBIOS 2.3.1 Support - DRAM, VDDP, VDDR, SB Voltage Multi-adjustment
Support CD	- Drivers, Utilities, AntiVirus Software (Trial Version), AMD Live! Explorer, AMD Fusion, CyberLink MediaEspresso 6.5 Trial, ASRock MAGIX Multimedia Suite - OEM
Hardware Monitor	- CPU Temperature Sensing - Chassis Temperature Sensing - CPU/Chassis/Power Fan Tachometer - CPU/Chassis Quiet Fan - CPU/Chassis Fan Multi-Speed Control - Voltage Monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3.3V, Vcore
OS	- Microsoft® Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP SP3 compliant
Certifications	- FCC, CE, WHQL - ErP/EuP Ready (ErP/EuP ready power supply is required)

* For detailed product information, please visit our website: http://www.asrock.com

WARNING

Please realize that there is a certain risk involved with overclocking, including adjusting the setting in the BIOS, applying Untied Overclocking Technology, or using third-party overclocking tools. Overclocking may affect your system's stability, or even cause damage to the components and devices of your system. It should be done at your own risk and expense. We are not responsible for possible damage caused by overclocking.

CAUTION!

1. Whether 2400/2133/1866/1600MHz memory speed is supported depends on the CPU you adopt. If you want to adopt DDR3 2400/2133/1866/1600 memory module on this motherboard, please refer to the memory support list on our website for the compatible memory modules.
   ASRock website http://www.asrock.com
2. Due to the operating system limitation, the actual memory size may be less than 4GB for the reservation for system usage under Windows® 7 / Vista™ / XP. For Windows® 64-bit OS with 64-bit CPU, there is no such limitation. You can use ASRock XFast RAM to utilize the memory that Windows® cannot use.

1.3 Unique Features

ASRock Extreme Tuning Utility (AXTU)

ASRock Extreme Tuning Utility (AXTU) is an all-in-one tool to ne-tune different system functions in a user-friendly interface, which includes Hardware Monitor, Fan Control, Overclocking, OC DNA, IES and XFast RAM. In Hardware Monitor, it shows the major readings of your system. In Fan Control, it shows the fan speed and temperature for you to adjust. In Overclocking, you are allowed to overclock CPU frequency for optimal system performance. In OC DNA, you can save your OC settings as a profile and share it with your friends. Your friends then can load the OC profile to their own system to get the same OC settings. In IES (Intelligent Energy Saver), the voltage regulator can reduce the number of output phases to improve efficiency when the CPU cores are idle without sacrificing computing performance. In XFast RAM, it fully utilizes the memory space that cannot be used under Windows® OS 32-bit CPU.

ASRock Instant Boot

ASRock Instant Boot allows you to turn on your PC in just a few seconds, provides a much more efficient way to save energy, time, money, and improves system running speed for your system. It leverages the S3 and S4 ACPI features which normally enable the Sleep/Standby and Hibernation modes in Windows® to shorten boot up time. By calling S3 and S4 at specific timing during the shutdown and startup process, Instant Boot allows you to enter your Windows® desktop in a few seconds.

ASRock Instant Flash

ASRock Instant Flash is a BIOS flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. This convenient BIOS update tool allows you to update system BIOS without entering operating systems first like MS-DOS or Windows®. With this utility, you can press the <F6> key during the POST or the <F2> key to enter into the BIOS setup menu to access ASRock Instant Flash. Just launch this tool and save the new BIOS file to your USB flash drive, floppy disk or hard drive, then you can update your BIOS only in a few clicks without preparing an additional floppy diskette or other complicated flash utility. Please be noted that the USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system.

ASRock APP Charger

If you desire a faster, less restricted way of charging your Apple devices, such as iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch, ASRock has prepared a wonderful solution for you - ASRock APP Charger. Simply install the APP Charger driver, it makes your iPhone charge much quickly from your computer and up to 40% faster than before. ASRock APP Charger allows you to quickly charge many Apple devices simultaneously and even supports continuous charging when your PC enters into Standby mode (S1), Suspend to RAM (S3), hibernation mode (S4) or power off (S5). With APP Charger driver installed, you can easily enjoy the marvelous charging experience.

ASRock XFast USB

ASRock XFast USB can boost USB storage device performance. The performance may depend on the properties of the device.

ASRock XFast LAN

ASRock XFast LAN provides a faster internet access, which includes the benefits listed below. LAN Application Prioritization: You can configure your application's priority ideally and/or add new programs. Lower Latency in Game: After setting online game's priority higher, it can lower the latency in games. Traffic Shaping: You can watch Youtube HD videos and download simultaneously. Real-Time Analysis of Your Data: With the status window, you can easily recognize which data streams you are transferring currently.

ASRock XFast RAM

ASRock XFast RAM is a new function that is included into ASRock Extreme Tuning Utility (AXTU). It fully utilizes the memory space that cannot be used under Windows® OS 32-bit CPU. ASRock XFast RAM shortens the loading time of previously visited websites, making web surfing faster than ever. And it also boosts the speed of Adobe Photoshop 5 times faster. Another advantage of ASRock XFast RAM is that it reduces the frequency of accessing your SSDs or HDDs in order to extend their lifespan.

ASRock Crashless BIOS

ASRock Crashless BIOS allows users to update their BIOS without fear of failing. If power loss occurs during the BIOS update process, ASRock Crashless BIOS will automatically finish the BIOS update procedure after regaining power. Please note that BIOS files need to be placed in the root directory of your USB disk. Only USB2.0 ports support this feature.

ASRock OMG (Online Management Guard)

Administrators are able to establish an internet curfew or restrict internet access at specified times via OMG. You may schedule the starting and ending hours of internet access granted to other users. In order to prevent users from bypassing OMG, guest accounts without permission to modify the system time are required.

ASRock Internet Flash

ASRock Internet Flash searches for available UEFI firmware updates from our servers. In other words, the system can autodetect the latest UEFI from our servers and flash them without entering Windows® OS. Please note that you must be running on a DHCP configured computer in order to enable this function.

ASRock UEFI System Browser

ASRock UEFI system browser is a useful tool included in graphical UEFI. It can detect the devices and configurations that users are currently using in their PC. With the UEFI system browser, you can easily examine the current system configuration in UEFI setup.

ASRock Dehumidifier Function

Users may prevent motherboard damages due to dampness by enabling “Dehumidifier Function”. When enabling Dehumidifier Function, the computer will power on automatically to dehumidify the system after entering S4/S5 state.

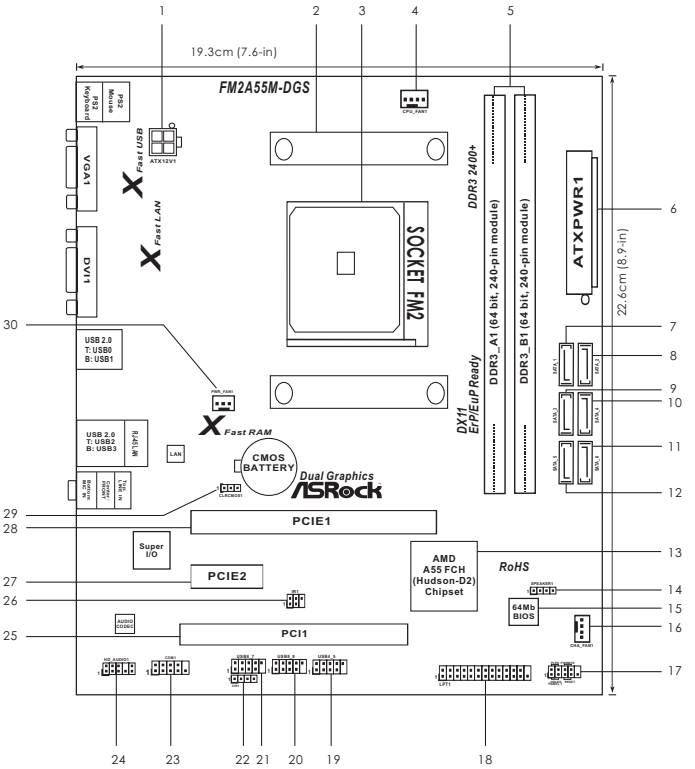
ASRock Easy RAID Installer

ASRock Easy RAID Installer can help you to copy the RAID driver from a support CD to your USB storage device. After copying the RAID driver to your USB storage device, please change “SATA Mode” to “RAID”, then you can start installing the OS in RAID mode.

ASRock Interactive UEFI

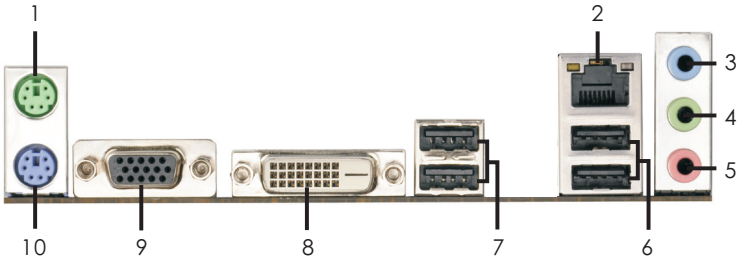
ASRock Interactive UEFI is a blend of system configuration tools, cool sound effects and stunning visuals. The unprecedented UEFI provides a more attractive interface and brings a lot more amusement.

1.4 Motherboard Layout



1	ATX 12V Power Connector (ATX12V1)	16	Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1)
2	CPU Heatsink Retention Module	17	System Panel Header (PANEL1)
3	CPU Socket	18	Print Port Header (LPT1)
4	CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)	19	USB 2.0 Header (USB4_5)
5	2 x 240-pin DDR3 DIMM Slots (Dual Channel: DDR3_A1, DDR3_B1)	20	USB 2.0 Header (USB8_9)
		21	USB 2.0 Header (USB6_7)
6	ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)	22	Consumer Infrared Module Header (CIR1)
7	SATA2 Connector (SATA_1)	23	COM Port Header (COM1)
8	SATA2 Connector (SATA_2)	24	Front Panel Audio Header (HD_AUDIO1)
9	SATA2 Connector (SATA_3)	25	PCI Slot (PCI1)
10	SATA2 Connector (SATA_4)	26	Infrared Module Header (IR1)
11	SATA2 Connector (SATA_6)	27	PCI Express 2.0 x1 Slot (PCIE2)
12	SATA2 Connector (SATA_5)	28	PCI Express 2.0 x16 Slot (PCIE1)
13	Southbridge Controller	29	Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1)
14	Chassis Speaker Header (SPEAKER1)	30	Power Fan Connector (PWR_FAN1)
15	SPI Flash Memory (64Mb)		

1.5 I/O Panel



1	PS/2 Mouse Port (Green)	6	USB 2.0 Ports (USB23)
* 2	LAN RJ-45 Port	7	USB 2.0 Ports (USB01)
3	Line In (Light Blue)	8	DVI-D Port (DVI1)
** 4	Front Speaker (Lime)	9	D-Sub Port (VGA1)
5	Microphone (Pink)	10	PS/2 Keyboard Port (Purple)

* There are two LED next to the LAN port. Please refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.

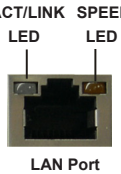
LAN Port LED Indications

Activity/Link LED

Status	Description
Off	No Link
Blinking	Data Activity
On	Link

SPEED LED

Status	Description
Off	10Mbps connection
Orange	100Mbps connection
Green	1Gbps connection



** To enable Multi-Streaming function, you need to connect a front panel audio cable to the front panel audio header. Please refer to below steps for the software setting of Multi-Streaming.

For Windows® XP:

After restarting your computer, you will find “Mixer” tool on your system. Please select “Mixer ToolBox” , click “Enable playback multi-streaming”, and click “ok”. Choose “2CH” or “4CH” and then you are allowed to select “Realtek HDA Primary output” to use Rear Speaker and Front Speaker, or select “Realtek HDA Audio 2nd output” to use front panel audio. Then reboot your system.

For Windows® 7 / Vista™:

After restarting your computer, please double-click “Realtek HD Audio Manager” on the system tray. Set “Speaker Configuration” to “Quadraphonic” or “Stereo”. Click “Device advanced settings”, choose “Make front and rear output devices playbacks two different audio streams simultaneously”, and click “ok”. Then reboot your system.

2. Installation

This is a Micro ATX form factor (8.9-in x 7.6-in, 22.6 cm x 19.3 cm) motherboard. Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it.

Pre-installation Precautions

Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.

Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the power is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, and/or components.

1. Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
2. To avoid damaging the motherboard components due to static electricity, NEVER place your motherboard directly on the carpet or the like. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before you handle components.
3. Hold components by the edges and do not touch the ICs.
4. Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded antistatic pad or in the bag that comes with the component.
5. When placing screws into the screw holes to secure the motherboard to the chassis, please do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.

2.1 CPU Installation

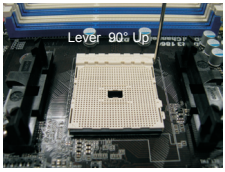
Step 1. Unlock the socket by lifting the lever up to a 90° angle.

Step 2. Position the CPU directly above the socket such that the CPU corner with the golden triangle matches the socket corner with a small triangle.

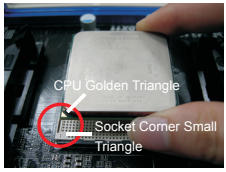
Step 3. Carefully insert the CPU into the socket until it fits in place.

The CPU fits only in one correct orientation. DO NOT force the CPU into the socket to avoid bending of the pins.

Step 4. When the CPU is in place, press it firmly on the socket while you push down the socket lever to secure the CPU. The lever clicks on the side tab to indicate that it is locked.



STEP 1:
Lift Up The Socket Lever



STEP 2 / STEP 3:
Match The CPU Golden Triangle To The Socket Corner Small Triangle

STEP 4:
Push Down And Lock The Socket Lever

2.2 Installation of CPU Fan and Heatsink

After you install the CPU into this motherboard, it is necessary to install a larger heatsink and cooling fan to dissipate heat. You also need to spray thermal grease between the CPU and the heatsink to improve heat dissipation. Make sure that the CPU and the heatsink are securely fastened and in good contact with each other. Then connect the CPU fan to the CPU FAN connector (CPU_FAN1, see Page 13, No. 4). For proper installation, please kindly refer to the instruction manuals of the CPU fan and the heatsink.

2.3 Installation of Memory Modules (DIMM)

This motherboard provides two 240-pin DDR3 (Double Data Rate 3) DIMM slots, and supports Dual Channel Memory Technology. For dual channel configuration, you always need to install two identical (the same brand, speed, size and chip-type) memory modules in the DDR3 DIMM slots to activate Dual Channel Memory Technology. Otherwise, it will operate at single channel mode.

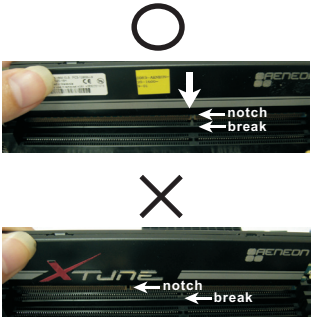
1. It is not allowed to install a DDR or DDR2 memory module into DDR3 slot;otherwise, this motherboard and DIMM may be damaged.
2. If you install only one memory module or two non-identical memory modules, it is unable to activate the Dual Channel Memory Technology.

Installing a DIMM

Please make sure to disconnect power supply before adding or removing DIMMs or the system components.

Step 1. Unlock a DIMM slot by pressing the retaining clips outward.

Step 2. Align a DIMM on the slot such that the notch on the DIMM matches the break on the slot.



The DIMM only fits in one correct orientation. It will cause permanent damage to the motherboard and the DIMM if you force the DIMM into the slot at incorrect orientation.

Step 3. Firmly insert the DIMM into the slot until the retaining clips at both ends fully snap back in place and the DIMM is properly seated.

2.4 Expansion Slots (PCI and PCI Express Slots)

There is 1 PCI slot and 2 PCI Express slots on this motherboard.

PCI Slots: PCI slots are used to install expansion cards that have the 32-bit PCI interface.

PCIE Slots:

PCIE1 (PCIE x16 slot) is used for PCI Express x16 lane width graphics cards.

PCIE2 (PCIE x1 slot) is used for PCI Express cards with x1 lane width cards, such as Gigabit LAN card and SATA2 card.

Installing an expansion card

Step 1. Before installing the expansion card, please make sure that the power supply is switched off or the power cord is unplugged. Please read the documentation of the expansion card and make necessary hardware settings for the card before you start the installation.

Step 2. Remove the system unit cover (if your motherboard is already installed in a chassis).

Step 3. Remove the bracket facing the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screws for later use.

Step 4. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.

Step 5. Fasten the card to the chassis with screws.

Step 6. Replace the system cover.

2.5 AMD Dual Graphics Operation Guide

This motherboard supports AMD Dual Graphics feature. AMD Dual Graphics brings multi-GPU performance capabilities by enabling an AMD A55 FCH (Hudson-D2) integrated graphics processor and a discrete graphics processor to operate simultaneously with combined output to a single display for blisteringly-fast frame rates. Currently, AMD Dual Graphics Technology is only supported with Windows® 7 OS, and is not available with Windows® Vista™ / XP OS.

What does an AMD Dual Graphics system include?

An AMD Dual Graphics system includes an AMD Radeon HD 7000 graphics processor and a motherboard based on an AMD A55 FCH (Hudson-D2) integrated chipset, all operating in a Windows® 7 environment. Please refer to AMD website for further information.

Enjoy the benefit of AMD Dual Graphics

Step 1. Please keep the default UEFI setting of “Dual Graphics“ option on [Auto].

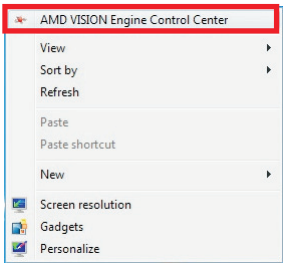
Step 2. Install one AMD RADEON HD7450/7470/7570/7670 PCI Express graphics card to PCIE1 slot.

Step 3. Connect the monitor cable to the onboard VGA port. Please be noted that the current VGA driver / VBIOS can allow Dual Graphics output from on-board display only. For any future update, please refer to our website for further information.

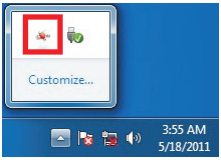
Step 4. Boot into OS. Please remove the AMD driver if you have any VGA driver installed in your system.

Step 5. Install the onboard VGA driver from our support CD to your system for both the onboard VGA and the discrete graphics card.

Step 6. Restart your computer. Right-click the desktop. Click “AMD VISION Engine Control Center” to enter AMD VISION Engine Control Center.

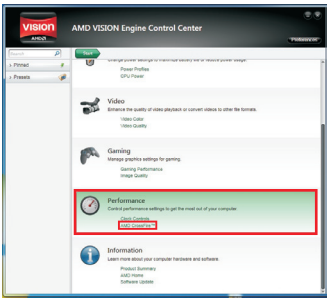


Step 7. You can also click “AMD VISION Engine Control Center” on your Windows® taskbar to enter AMD VISION Engine Control Center.

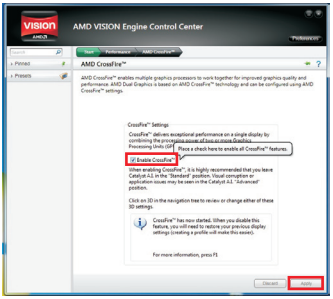


AMD VISION Engine Control Center

Step 8. In AMD VISION Engine Control Center, please choose “Performance”. Click “AMD CrossFire™”.



Step 9. Click “Enable CrossFire™” and click “Apply“ to save your change.



Step 10. Reboot your system. Then you can freely enjoy the benefit of Dual Graphics feature.

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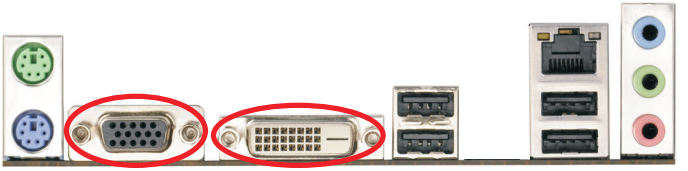
* For further information of AMD Dual Graphics technology, please check AMD website for up dates and details.

2.6 Dual Monitor and Surround Display Features

Dual Monitor Feature

This motherboard supports dual monitor feature. With the internal VGA output support (D-Sub and DVI-D), you can easily enjoy the benefits of dual monitor feature without installing any add-on VGA card to this motherboard. This motherboard also provides independent display controllers for D-Sub and DVI-D to support dual VGA output so that D-Sub and DVI-D can drive same or different display contents.
To enable dual monitor feature, please follow the below steps:

1. Connect D-Sub monitor cable to D-Sub port on the I/O panel, or connect DVI-D monitor cable to DVI-D port on the I/O panel.



D-Sub port **DVI-D port**

2. If you have installed onboard VGA driver from our support CD to your system already, you can freely enjoy the benefits of dual monitor function after your system boots. If you haven't installed onboard VGA driver yet, please install onboard VGA driver from our support CD to your system and restart your computer.

When you playback HDCP-protected video from Blu-ray (BD) or HD-DVD disc, the content will be displayed only in one of the two monitors instead of both monitors.

Surround Display Feature

This motherboard supports surround display upgrade. With the internal VGA output support (D-Sub and DVI-D) and external add-on PCI Express VGA cards, you can easily enjoy the benefits of surround display feature.

Please refer to the following steps to set up a surround display environment:

1. Install the PCI Express VGA cards on PCIE1 slot. Please refer to page 18 for proper expansion card installation procedures for details.
2. Connect D-Sub monitor cable to D-Sub port on the I/O panel, or connect DVI-D monitor cable to DVI-D port on the I/O panel. Then connect other monitor cables to the corresponding connectors of the add-on PCI Express VGA cards on PCIE1 slot.
3. Boot your system. Press <F2> or <Del> to enter UEFI setup. Enter “Share Memory” option to adjust the memory capability to [32MB], [64MB], [128MB], [256MB] or [512MB] to enable the function of D-sub. Please make sure that the value you select is less than the total capability of the system memory. If you do not adjust the UEFI setup, the default value of “Share Memory”, [Auto], will disable D-Sub function when the add-on VGA card is inserted to this motherboard.
4. Install the onboard VGA driver and the add-on PCI Express VGA card driver to your system. If you have installed the drivers already, there is no need to install them again.
5. Set up a multi-monitor display.

For Windows® XP OS:

Right click the desktop, choose “Properties”, and select the “Settings” tab so that you can adjust the parameters of the multi-monitor according to the steps below.

A. Click the “Identify” button to display a large number on each monitor.

B. Right-click the display icon in the Display Properties dialog that you wish to be your primary monitor, and then select “Primary”. When you use multiple monitors with your card, one monitor will always be Primary, and all additional monitors will be designated as Secondary.

C. Select the display icon identified by the number 2.

D. Click “Extend my Windows desktop onto this monitor”.

E. Right-click the display icon and select “Attached”, if necessary.

F. Set the “Screen Resolution” and “Color Quality” as appropriate for the second monitor. Click “Apply” or “OK” to apply these new values.

G. Repeat steps C through E for the diaplay icon identified by the number one to four.

For Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS:

Right click the desktop, choose “Personalize”, and select the “Display Settings” tab so that you can adjust the parameters of the multi-monitor according to the steps below.

A. Click the number ”2” icon.

B. Click the items “This is my main monitor” and “Extend the desktop onto this monitor”.

C. Click “OK” to save your change.

D. Repeat steps A through C for the display icon identified by the number three to four.

6. Use Surround Display. Click and drag the display icons to positions representing the physical setup of your monitors that you would like to use. The placement of display icons determines how you move items from one monitor to another.

HDCP Function

HDCP function is supported on this motherboard. To use HDCP function with this motherboard, you need to adopt the monitor that supports HDCP function as well. Therefore, you can enjoy the superior display quality with high-definition HDCP encryption contents. Please refer to below instruction for more details about HDCP function.

What is HDCP?

HDCP stands for High-Bandwidth Digital Content Protection, a specification developed by Intel® for protecting digital entertainment content that uses the DVI interface. HDCP is a copy protection scheme to eliminate the possibility of intercepting digital data midstream between the video source, or transmitter - such as a computer, DVD player or set-top box - and the digital display, or receiver - such as a monitor, television or projector. In other words, HDCP specification is designed to protect the integrity of content as it is being transmitted.

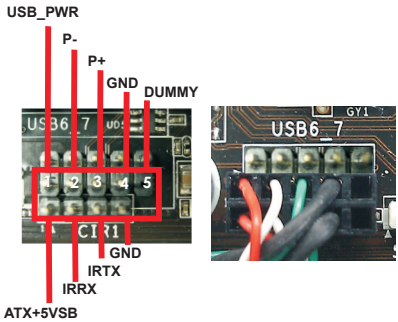
Products compatible with the HDCP scheme such as DVD players, satellite and cable HDTV set-top-boxes, as well as few entertainment PCs requires a secure connection to a compliant display. Due to the increase in manufacturers employing HDCP in their equipment, it is highly recommended that the HDTV or LCD monitor you purchase is compatible.

2.7 ASRock Smart Remote Installation Guide

ASRock Smart Remote is only used for ASRock motherboard with CIR header. Please refer to below procedures for the quick installation and usage of ASRock Smart Remote.

Step1. Find the CIR header located next to the USB 2.0 header on ASRock motherboard.

Step2. Connect the front USB cable to the USB 2.0 header (as below, pin 1-5) and the CIR header. Please make sure the wire assignments and the pin assignments are matched correctly.

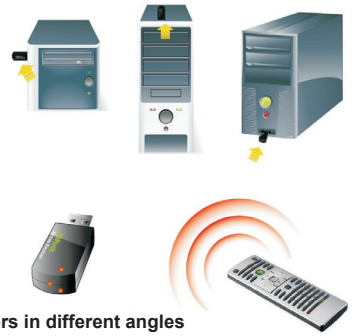


Step3. Install Multi-Angle CIR Receiver to the front USB port.

Step4. Boot up your system. Press <F2> or <Del> to enter BIOS Setup Utility. Make sure the option "CIR Controller" is setting at [Enabled]. (Advanced -> Super IO Configuration -> CIR Controller -> [Enabled])

If you cannot find this option, please shut down your system and install Multi-Angle CIR Receiver to the other front USB port then try again.

Step5. Enter Windows. Execute ASRock support CD and install CIR Driver. (It is listed at the bottom of driver list.)



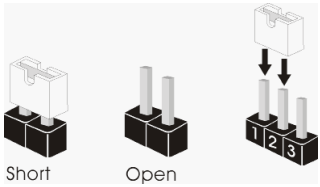
3 CIR sensors in different angles

1. Only one of the front USB port can support CIR function. When the CIR function is enabled, the other port will remain USB function.
2. Multi-Angle CIR Receiver is used for front USB only. Please do not use the rear USB bracket to connect it on the rear panel. Multi-Angle CIR Receiver can receive the multi-direction infrared signals (top, down and front), which is compatible with most of the chassis on the market.
3. The Multi-Angle CIR Receiver does not support Hot-Plug function. Please install it before you boot the system.

* ASRock Smart Remote is only supported by some of ASRock motherboards. Please refer to ASRock website for the motherboard support list: http://www.asrock.com

2.8 Jumpers Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup. When the jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is “Short”. If no jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is “Open”. The illustration shows a 3-pin jumper whose pin1 and pin2 are “Short” when jumper cap is placed on these 2 pins.



Jumper	Setting	Description
Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1) (see p.13, No. 29)	1_2 Default; 2_3 Clear CMOS	

Note: CLRCMOS1 allows you to clear the data in CMOS. To clear and reset the system parameters to default setup, please turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power supply. After waiting for 15 seconds, use a jumper cap to short pin2 and pin3 on CLRCMOS1 for 5 seconds. However, please do not clear the CMOS right after you update the BIOS. If you need to clear the CMOS when you just finish updating the BIOS, you must boot up the system first, and then shut it down before you do the clear-CMOS action. Please be noted that the password, date, time, user default profile, 1394 GUID and MAC address will be cleared only if the CMOS battery is removed.

2.9 Onboard Headers and Connectors

Onboard headers and connectors are NOT jumpers. Do NOT place jumper caps over these headers and connectors. Placing jumper caps over the headers and connectors will cause permanent damage of the motherboard!

Serial ATA2 Connectors

(SATA_1: see p.13, No. 7)

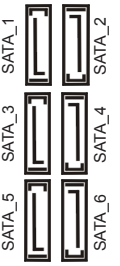
(SATA_2: see p.13, No. 8)

(SATA_3: see p.13, No. 9)

(SATA_4: see p.13, No. 10)

(SATA_5: see p.13, No. 12)

(SATA_6: see p.13, No. 11)



These six Serial ATA2 (SATA2) connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices. The current SATA2 interface allows up to 3.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.

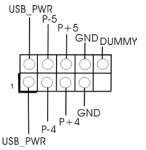
Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cable (Optional)

Either end of the SATA data cable can be connected to the SATA / SATA2 hard disk or the SATA2 connector on this motherboard.

USB 2.0 Headers

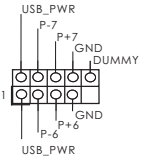
(9-pin USB4_5)

(see p.13 No. 19)



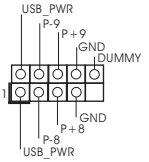
(9-pin USB6_7)

(see p.13 No. 21)



(9-pin USB8_9)

(see p.13 No. 20)

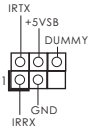


Besides four default USB 2.0 ports on the I/O panel, there are three USB 2.0 headers on this motherboard. Each USB 2.0 header can support two USB 2.0 ports.

Infrared Module Header

(5-pin IR1)

(see p.13 No. 26)

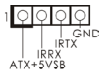


This header supports an optional wireless transmitting and receiving infrared module.

Consumer Infrared Module Header

(4-pin CIR1)

(see p.13 No. 22)

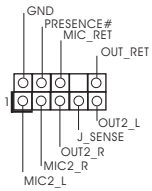


This header can be used to connect the remote controller receiver.

Front Panel Audio Header

(9-pin HD_AUDIO1)

(see p.13 No. 24)



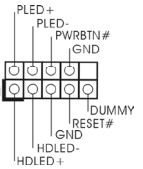
This is an interface for the front panel audio cable that allows convenient connection and control of audio devices.

1. High Definition Audio supports Jack Sensing, but the panel wire on the chassis must support HDA to function correctly. Please follow the instruction in our manual and chassis manual to install your system.
2. If you use AC'97 audio panel, please install it to the front panel audio header as below:
   A. Connect Mic_IN (MIC) to MIC2_L.
   B. Connect Audio_R (RIN) to OUT2_R and Audio_L (LIN) to OUT2_L.
   C. Connect Ground (GND) to Ground (GND).
   D. MIC_RET and OUT_RET are for HD audio panel only. You don't need to connect them for AC'97 audio panel.
   E. To activate the front mic.
      For Windows® XP OS:
      Select "Mixer". Select "Recorder". Then click "FrontMic".
      For Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS:
      Go to the "FrontMic" Tab in the Realtek Control panel. Adjust "Recording Volume".

System Panel Header

(9-pin PANEL1)

(see p.13 No. 17)



This header accommodates several system front panel functions.

Connect the power switch, reset switch and system status indicator on the chassis to this header according to the pin assignments below. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.

PWRBTN (Power Switch):
Connect to the power switch on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power switch.

RESET (Reset Switch):
Connect to the reset switch on the chassis front panel. Press the reset switch to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.

PLED (System Power LED):
Connect to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED keeps blinking when the sys-tem is in S1 sleep state. The LED is off when the system is in S3/S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

HDLED (Hard Drive Activity LED):
Connect to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.

The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power switch, reset switch, power LED, hard drive activity LED, speaker and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assign-ments are matched correctly.

Chassis Speaker Header

(4-pin SPEAKER 1)

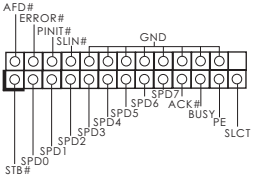
(see p.13 No. 14)

Please connect the chassis speaker to this header.

Print Port Header

(25-pin LPT1)

(see p.13 No. 18)

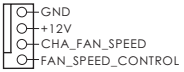


This is an interface for print port cable that allows convenient connection of printer devices.

Chassis and Power Fan Connectors

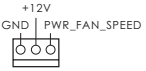
(4-pin CHA_FAN1)

(see p.13 No. 16)



(3-pin PWR_FAN1)

(see p.13 No. 30)

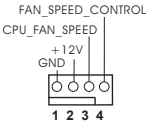


Please connect the fan cables to the fan connectors and match the black wire to the ground pin. CHA_FAN1 fan speed can be controlled through UEFI or AXTU.

CPU Fan Connectors

(4-pin CPU_FAN1)

(see p.13 No. 4)



Please connect the CPU fan cable to the connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

Though this motherboard provides 4-Pin CPU fan (Quiet Fan) support, the 3-Pin CPU fan still can work successfully even without the fan speed control function. If you plan to connect the 3-Pin CPU fan to the CPU fan connector on this motherboard, please connect it to Pin 1-3.

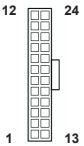
Pin 1-3 Connected

3-Pin Fan Installation

ATX Power Connector

(24-pin ATXPWR1)

(see p.13 No. 6)



Please connect an ATX power supply to this connector.

Though this motherboard provides 24-pin ATX power connector, it can still work if you adopt a traditional 20-pin ATX power supply. To use the 20-pin ATX power supply, please plug your power supply along with Pin 1 and Pin 13.

20-Pin ATX Power Supply Installation

ATX 12V Power Connector

(4-pin ATX12V1)

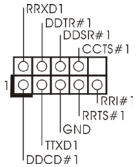
(see p.13, No. 1)

Please connect an ATX 12V power supply to this connector.

Serial port Header

(9-pin COM1)

(see p.13 No.23)



This COM1 header supports a serial port module.

2.10 Serial ATA2 (SATA2) Hard Disks Installation

This motherboard adopts AMD A55 FCH (Hudson-D2) chipset that supports Serial ATA2 (SATA2) hard disks and RAID (RAID 0, RAID 1 and RAID 10) functions. You may install SATA3 hard disks on this motherboard for internal storage devices. This section will guide you to install the SATA2 hard disks.

STEP 1: Install the SATA2 hard disks into the drive bays of your chassis.
STEP 2: Connect the SATA power cable to the SATA2 hard disk.
STEP 3: Connect one end of the SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATA2 connector.
STEP 4: Connect the other end of the SATA data cable to the SATA2 hard disk.

2.11 Hot Plug and Hot Swap Functions for SATA2 HDDs

This motherboard supports Hot Plug and Hot Swap functions for SATA2 in RAID / AHCI mode. AMD A55 FCH (Hudson-D2) chipset provides hardware support for Advanced Host controller Interface (AHCI), a new programming interface for SATA host controllers developed thru a joint industry effort.

NOTE

What is Hot Plug Function?

If the SATA2 HDDs are NOT set for RAID configuration, it is called "Hot Plug" for the action to insert and remove the SATA2 HDDs while the system is still power-on and in working condition.
However, please note that it cannot perform Hot Plug if the OS has been installed into the SATA2 HDD.

What is Hot Swap Function?

If SATA2 HDDs are built as RAID 1 then it is called "Hot Swap" for the action to insert and remove the SATA2 HDDs while the system is still power-on and in working condition.

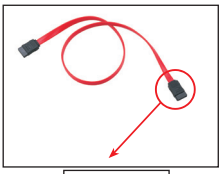
2.12 SATA2 HDD Hot Plug Feature and Operation Guide

This motherboard supports Hot Plug feature for SATA2 HDD in RAID / AHCI mode. Please read below operation guide of Hot Plug feature carefully. Before you process the SATA2 HDD Hot Plug, please check below cable accessories from the motherboard gift box pack.

A. 7-pin SATA data cable

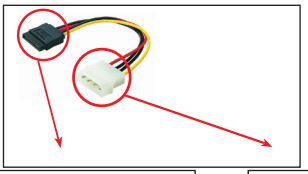
B. SATA power cable with SATA 15-pin power connector interface

A. SATA data cable (Red)



SATA 7-pin connector

B. SATA power cable



The SATA 15-pin power connector (Black) connect to SATA2 HDD

1x4-pin conventional power connector (White) connect to power supply

Caution

1. Without SATA 15-pin power connector interface, the SATA2 Hot Plug cannot be processed.
2. Even some SATA2 HDDs provide both SATA 15-pin power connector and IDE 1x4-pin conventional power connector interfaces, the IDE 1x4-pin conventional power connector interface is definitely not able to support Hot Plug and will cause the HDD damage and data loss.

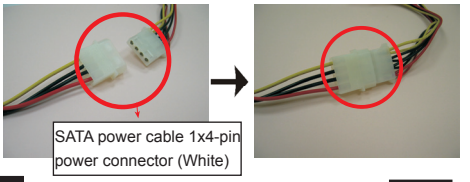
Points of attention, before you process the Hot Plug:

1. Below operation procedure is designed only for our motherboard, which supports SATA2 HDD Hot Plug.
   * The SATA2 Hot Plug feature might not be supported by the chipset because of its limitation, the SATA2 Hot Plug support information of our motherboard is indicated in the product spec on our website: www.asrock.com
2. Make sure your SATA2 HDD can support Hot Plug function from your dealer or HDD user manual. The SATA2 HDD, which cannot support Hot Plug function, will be damaged under the Hot Plug operation.
3. Please make sure the SATA2 driver is installed into system properly. The latest SATA2 driver is available on our support website: www.asrock.com
4. Make sure to use the SATA power cable & data cable, which are from our motherboard package.
5. Please follow below instructions step by step to reduce the risk of HDD crash or data loss.

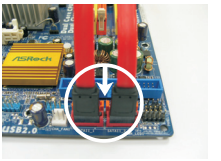
How to Hot Plug a SATA2 HDD:

Points of attention, before you process the Hot Plug:
Please do follow below instruction sequence to process the Hot Plug, improper procedure will cause the SATA2 HDD damage and data loss.

Step *1* Please connect SATA power cable 1x4-pin end (White) to the power supply 1x4-pin cable.



Step *2* Connect SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATA2 connector.



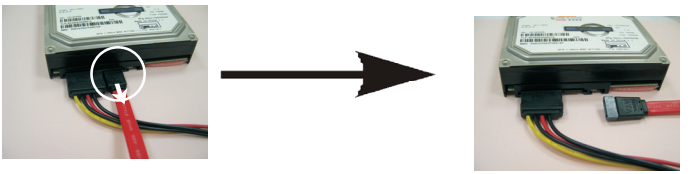
Step *3* Connect SATA 15-pin power cable connector (Black) end to SATA2 HDD.

Step *4* Connect SATA data cable to the SATA2 HDD.

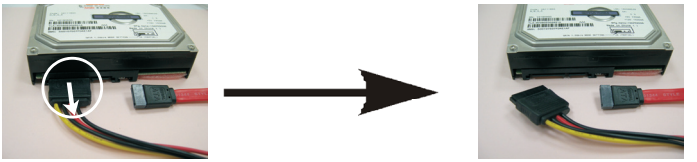
How to Hot Unplug a SATA2 HDD:

Points of attention, before you process the Hot Unplug:
Please do follow below instruction sequence to process the Hot Unplug, improper procedure will cause the SATA2 HDD damage and data loss.

Step *1* Unplug SATA data cable from SATA2 HDD side.



Step *2* Unplug SATA 15-pin power cable connector (Black) from SATA2 HDD side.



2.13 Driver Installation Guide

To install the drivers to your system, please insert the support CD to your optical drive first. Then, the drivers compatible to your system can be auto-detected and listed on the support CD driver page. Please follow the order from up to bottom side to install those required drivers. Therefore, the drivers you install can work properly.

2.14 Installing Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit With RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit on a RAID disk composed of 2 or more SATA2 HDDs with RAID functions, please follow below procedures according to the OS you install.

RAID mode is not supported under Windows® XP.

STEP 1: Set up UEFI.

A. Enter UEFI SETUP UTILITY→Advanced screen →Storage Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Mode" option to [RAID].

STEP 2: Use "RAID Installation Guide" to set RAID configuration.

Before you start to configure RAID function, you need to check the RAID installation guide in the Support CD for proper configuration. Please refer to the BIOS RAID installation guide part of the document in the following path in the Support CD:

.. \ RAID Installation Guide

STEP 4: Install Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

2.15 Installing Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP OS on your SATA2 HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below procedures according to the OS you install.

2.15.1 Installing Windows® XP Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® XP on your SATA2 HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below steps.

AHCI mode is not supported under Windows® XP.

Using SATA2 HDDs without NCQ and Hot Plug functions (IDE mode)

STEP 1: Set up UEFI.

A. Enter UEFI SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → Storage Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Mode" option to [IDE].

STEP 2: Install Windows® XP OS on your system.

2.15.2 Installing Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit on your SATA2 HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below steps.

Using SATA2 HDDs with NCQ and Hot Plug functions (AHCI mode)

STEP 1: Set up UEFI.

A. Enter UEFI SETUP UTILITY →Advanced screen →Storage Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Mode" option to [AHCI].

STEP 2: Install Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

Using SATA2 HDDs without NCQ and Hot Plug functions (IDE mode)

STEP 1: Set up UEFI.

A. Enter UEFI SETUP UTILITY →Advanced screen →Storage Configuration.

B. Set the "SATA Mode" option to [IDE].

STEP 2: Install Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

3. UEFI SETUP UTILITY

3.1 Introduction

ASRock Interactive UEFI is a blend of system configuration tools, cool sound effects and stunning visuals. Not only will it make BIOS setup less difficult but also a lot more amusing. This section explains how to use the UEFI SETUP UTILITY to configure your system. The UEFI chip on the motherboard stores the UEFI SETUP UTILITY. You may run the UEFI SETUP UTILITY when you start up the computer. Please press <F2> or <Delete> during the Power-On-Self-Test (POST) to enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY, otherwise, POST will continue with its test routines.

If you wish to enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You may also restart by turning the system off and then back on.

Because the UEFI software is constantly being updated, the following UEFI setup screens and descriptions are for reference purpose only, and they may not exactly match what you see on your screen.

3.1.1 UEFI Menu Bar

The top of the screen has a menu bar with the following selections:

Main	For setting system time/date information
OC Tweaker	For overclocking configurations
Advanced	For advanced system configurations
Tool	Useful tools
H/W Monitor	Displays current hardware status
Boot	For configuring boot settings and boot priority
Security	For security settings
Exit	Exit the current screen or the UEFI SETUP UTILITY

Use < ← > key or < → > key to choose among the selections on the menu bar, and use < ↑ > key or < ↓ > key to move the cursor up or down to select items, then press <Enter> to get into the sub screen. You can also navigate with a mouse.

3.1.2 Navigation Keys

Please check the following table for the function description of each navigation key.

Navigation Key(s)	Function Description
← / →	Moves cursor left or right to select Screens
↑ / ↓	Moves cursor up or down to select items
+ / -	To change option for the selected items
<Tab>	Switch to next function
<Enter>	To bring up the selected screen
<PGUP>	Go to the previous page
<PGDN>	Go to the next page
<HOME>	Go to the top of the screen
<END>	Go to the bottom of the screen
<F1>	To display the General Help Screen
<F7>	Discard changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY
<F9>	Load optimal default values for all the settings
<F10>	Save changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY
<F12>	Print screen
<ESC>	Jump to the Exit Screen or exit the current screen

3.2 Main Screen

When you enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY, the Main screen will appear and display the system overview.

Active Page on Entry

This allows you to select the default page when entering UEFI setup utility.

3.3 OC Tweaker Screen

In the OC Tweaker screen, you can set up overclocking features.

EZ OC Mode

You can use this option to adjust EZ overclocking setting. Please note that overclocing may cause damage to your components and motherboard. It should be done at your own risk and expense.

CPU Configuration

Overclock Mode

Use this to select Overclock Mode. Configuration options: [Auto] and [Manual]. The default value is [Auto].

APU/PCIE Frequency (MHz)

This item appears only when you set the item “Overclock Mode“ to [Manual]. The default value is [Disabled]. Please be noted that overclocking may reduce the D-Sub resolution and cause the display abnormal situation. It is recommended to use DVI or HDMI monitor to get better performance.

Spread Spectrum

This item should always be [Auto] for better system stability.

AMD Turbo Core Technology

This item appears only when the processor you adopt supports this feature. Use this to select enable or disable AMD Turbo Core Technology. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled]. The default value is [Enabled].

Processor Maximum Frequency

It will display Processor Maximum Frequency for reference.

Processor Maximum Voltage

It will display Processor Maximum Voltage for reference.

Multiplier/Voltage Change

This item is set to [Auto] by default. If it is set to [Manual], you may adjust the value of Processor Frequency and Processor Voltage. However, it is recommended to keep the default value for system stability.

Boost Frequency Multiplier

For safety and system stability, it is not recommended to adjust the value of this item.

CPU Frequency Multiplier

For safety and system stability, it is not recommended to adjust the value of this item.

CPU Voltage

It allows you to adjust the value of CPU voltage. However, for safety and system stability, it is not recommended to adjust the value of this item.

CPU Voltage Offset

It allows you to adjust the value of CPU voltage offset. However, for safety and system stability, it is not recommended to adjust the value of this item.

CPU NB Frequency Multiplier

For safety and system stability, it is not recommended to adjust the value of this item.

CPU NB/GFX Voltage

It allows you to adjust the value of CPU NB/GFX voltage. However, for safety and system stability, it is not recommended to adjust the value of this item.

APU Load-line Calibration

APU Load-line Calibration helps prevent APU voltage droop when the system is under heavy load.

GFX Engine Clock

Use this to adjust GFX Engine Clock. The default value is [Auto].

DRAM Timing Configuration

DRAM Frequency

If [Auto] is selected, the motherboard will detect the memory module(s) inserted and assigns appropriate frequency automatically.

DRAM Timing Control

Power Down Enable

Use this item to enable or disable DDR power down mode.

Bank Interleaving

Interleaving allows memory accesses to be spread out over banks on the same node, or accross nodes, decreasing access contention.

Channel Interleaving

It allows you to enable Channel Memory Interleaving. Configuration options: [Disabled], [Auto]. The default value is [Auto].

CAS# Write Latency (tCWL)

Use this item to change CAS# Write Latency (tCL) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

CAS# Latency (tCL)

Use this item to change CAS# Latency (tCL) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

RAS# to CAS# Delay (tRCD)

Use this item to change RAS# to CAS# Delay (tRCD) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

Row Precharge Time (tRP)

Use this item to change Row Precharge Time (tRP) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

RAS# Active Time (tRAS)

Use this item to change RAS# Active Time (tRAS) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

Command Rate (CR)

Use this item to change Command Rate (CR) Auto/Manual setting. Min: 1T. Max: 2T. The default is [Auto].

RAS# Cycle Time (tRC)

Use this item to change RAS# Cycle Time (tRC) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

Write Recovery Time (tWR)

Use this item to change Write Recovery Time (tWR) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

Refresh Cyle Time (tRFC)

Use this item to change Refresh Cyle Time (tRFC) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

RAS to RAS Delay (tRRD)

Use this item to change RAS to RAS Delay (tRRD) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

Write to Read Delay (tWTR)

Use this item to change Write to Read Delay (tWTR) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

Read to Precharge (tRTP)

Use this item to change Read to Precharge (tRTP) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

Four Activate Window (tFAW)

Use this item to change Four Activate Window (tFAW) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

Voltage Configuration

DRAM Voltage

Use this to select DRAM Voltage. The default value is [Auto].

APU PCIE Voltage VDDP

Use this to select APU PCIE Voltage VDDP. The default value is [Auto].

SB Voltage

Use this to select SB Voltage. The default value is [Auto].

3.4 Advanced Screen

In this section, you may set the configurations for the following items: CPU Configuration, Nouth Bridge Configuration, South Bridge Configuration, Storage Configuration, Super IO Configuration, ACPI Configuration, USB Configuration and Network Configuration.

Setting wrong values in this section may cause the system to malfunction.

3.4.1 CPU Configuration

Core C6 Mode

Use this item to enable or disable Core C6 mode. The default value is [Enabled].

Package C6 Mode

This item appears only when you enable the item “Core C6 Mode”. Use this item to enable or disable Package C6 mode. The default value is [Disabled].

Cool ‘n’ Quiet

Use this item to enable or disable AMD’s Cool ‘n’ Quiet™ technology. The default value is [Enabled]. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled]. If you install Windows® 7 / Vista™ and want to enable this function, please set this item to [Enabled]. Please note that enabling this function may reduce CPU voltage and memory frequency, and lead to system stability or compatibility issue with some memory modules or power supplies. Please set this item to [Disable] if above issue occurs.

SVM

When this option is set to [Enabled], a VMM (Virtual Machine Architecture) can utilize the additional hardware capabilities provided by AMD-V. The default value is [Enabled]. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled].

CPU Thermal Throttle

Use this item to enable CPU internal thermal control mechanism to keep the CPU from overheated. The default value is [Auto].

3.4.2 North Bridge Configuration

Primary Graphics Adapter

This item will switch the PCI Bus scanning order while searching for video card. It allows you to select the type of Primary VGA in case of multiple video controllers. The default value of this feature is [PCI Express]. Configuration options: [Onboard], [PCI] and [PCI Express].

Share Memory

This allows you to set the share memory feature. The default value is [Auto]. Configuration options: [Auto], [32MB], [64MB], [128MB], [256MB] and [512MB].

Onboard HDMI HD Audio

This allows you to enable or disable the “Onboard HDMI HD Audio” feature.

Dual Graphics

This item appears only when you install AMD RADEON HD7450/7470/7570/7670 graphics card on this motherboard. Use this to enable or disable Dual Graphics feature. If you enable this option, the primary monitor will be onboard VGA. If you select [Auto], Dual Graphics function will be automatically enabled when you install AMD RADEON HD7450/7470/7570/7670 graphics card. The default value is [Auto].

DVI Function

Use this to select DVI function when you install the DVI to HDMI adapter to DVI port. Configuration options: [as Dual Link DVI] and [as HDMI]. If you select [as Dual Link DVI], you can use Dual Link DVI monitor without audio function. If you select [as HDMI], you can use HDMI monitor with audio function. The default value is [as Dual Link DVI].

3.4.3 South Bridge Configuration

Onboard HD Audio

Select [Auto], [Enabled] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio feature. If you select [Auto], the onboard HD Audio will be disabled when PCI Sound Card is plugged.

Front Panel

Select [Auto] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio Front Panel.

Onboard LAN

This allows you to enable or disable the onboard LAN feature.

Good Night LED

Enable this option to turn off Power LED when the system is power on. The keyboard LED will also be turned off in S1, S3 and S4 state. The default value is [Auto].

3.4.4 Storage Configuration

SATA Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the “SATA Controller” feature.

SATA Mode

Use this item to adjust SATA Mode. The default value of this option is [AHCI Mode]. Configuration options: [AHCI Mode], [RAID Mode] and [IDE Mode].

If you set this item to RAID mode, it is suggested to install SATA ODD driver on SATA_5 and SATA_6 ports.

Easy RAID Installer

Easy RAID Installer can help you to copy the RAID driver from a support CD to your USB storage device. After copying the RAID driver to your USB storage device, please change “SATA Mode” to “RAID”, then you can start installing the OS in RAID mode.

AMD AHCI BIOS ROM

Use this item to enable or disable AMD AHCI BIOS ROM. The default value of this option is [Disabled].

SATA IDE Combined Mode

This item is for SATA_5 and SATA_6 ports. Use this item to enable or disable SATA IDE combined mode. The default value is [Enabled].

If you want to build RAID on SATA_5 and SATA_6 ports, please disable this item.

Hard Disk S.M.A.R.T.

Use this item to enable or disable the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology) feature. Configuration options: [Disabled], [Auto], [Enabled].

3.4.5 Super IO Configuration

Serial Port

Use this item to enable or disable the onboard serial port.

Serial Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard serial port.

Configuration options: [3F8h / IRQ4] and [3E8h / IRQ4].

Infrared Port

Use this item to enable or disable the onboard infrared port.

Infrared Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard infrared port.

Confi guration options: [2F8h / IRQ3] and [2E8h / IRQ3].

Parallel Port

Use this item to enable or disable the onboard parallel port.

Device Mode

Use this item to change the Printer Port mode.

Change Settings

Use this item to select an optional setting for Super IO device.

3.4.6 ACPI Configuration

Suspend to RAM

Use this item to select whether to auto-detect or disable the Suspend-to-RAM feature. Select [Auto] will enable this feature if the OS supports it.

Check Ready Bit

Use this item to enable or disable the feature Check Ready Bit.

Restore on AC/Power Loss

This allows you to set the power state after an unexpected AC/power loss. If [Power Off] is selected, the AC/power remains off when the power recovers. If [Power On] is selected, the AC/power resumes and the system starts to boot up when the power recovers.

PS/2 Keyboard Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

PCI Devices Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PCI devices to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

Ring-In Power On

Use this item to enable or disable Ring-In signals to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

RTC Alarm Power On

Use this item to enable or disable RTC (Real Time Clock) to power on the system.

USB Keyboard/Remote Power On

Use this item to enable or disable USB Keyboard/Remote to power on the system.

USB Mouse Power On

Use this item to enable or disable USB Mouse to power on the system.

ACPI HPET table

Use this item to enable or disable ACPI HPET Table. The default value is [Enabled]. Please set this option to [Enabled] if you plan to use this motherboard to submit Windows® Vista™ certification.

3.4.7 USB Configuration

USB 2.0 Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the use of USB 2.0 controller.

Legacy USB Support

Use this option to select legacy support for USB devices. There are four confi guration options: [Enabled], [Auto], [Disabled] and [UEFI Setup Only]. The default value is [Enabled]. Please refer to below descriptions for the details of these four options:

[Enabled] - Enables support for legacy USB.

[Auto] - Enables legacy support if USB devices are connected.

[Disabled] - USB devices are not allowed to use under legacy OS and UEFI setup when [Disabled] is selected. If you have USB compatibility issue, it is recommended to select [Disabled] to enter OS.

[UEFI Setup Only] - USB devices are allowed to use only under UEFI setup and Windows / Linux OS.

3.4.8 Network Configuration

Internet Setting

Use this item to set up the internet connection mode. Configuration options: [DHCP (Auto IP)] and [PPPOE].

UEFI Download Server

Use this item to select UEFI firmware download server for Internet Flash. Configuration options: [Asia], [Europe], [USA] and [China].

3.5 Tool

Sound Effect

Enable or disable sound effects in the setup utility.

System Browser

System Browser can let you easily check your current system configuration in UEFI setup.

OMG(Online Management Guard)

Administrators are able to establish an internet curfew or restrict internet access at specified times via OMG. You may schedule the starting and ending hours of internet access granted to other users. In order to prevent users from bypassing OMG, guest accounts without permission to modify the system time are required.

UEFI Download Utility

Instant Flash

Instant Flash is a UEFI flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. This convenient UEFI update tool allows you to update system UEFI without entering operating systems first like MS-DOS or Windows®. Just save the new UEFI file to your USB flash drive, floppy disk or hard drive and launch this tool, then you can update your UEFI only in a few clicks without preparing an additional floppy diskette or other complicated flash utility. Please be noted that the USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system. If you execute Instant Flash utility, the utility will show the UEFI files and their respective information. Select the proper UEFI file to update your UEFI, and reboot your system after the UEFI update process is completed.

Internet Flash

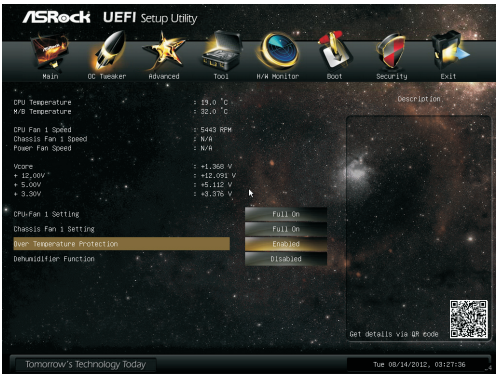
Internet Flash searches for available UEFI firmware updates from our servers. In other words, the system can auto-detect the latest UEFI from our servers and flash them without entering Windows OS. Please note that you must be running on a DHCP configured computer in order to enable this function.

Would you like to save current setting user defaults?

In this option, you are allowed to load and save three user defaults according to your own requirements.

3.6 Hardware Health Event Monitoring Screen

In this section, it allows you to monitor the status of the hardware on your system, including the parameters of the CPU temperature, motherboard temperature, CPU fan speed, chassis fan speed, and the critical voltage.



CPU Fan 1 Setting

This allows you to set the CPU fan 1 speed. Confi guration options: [Full On] and [Automatic Mode]. The default is value [Full On].

Chassis Fan 1 Setting

This allows you to set the chassis fan 1 speed. Confi guration options: [Full On], [Manual Mode] and [Automatic Mode]. The default is value [Full On].

Over Temperature Protection

Use this item to enable or disable Over Temperature Protection. The default value is [Enabled].

Dehumidifier Function

Users may prevent motherboard damages due to dampness by enabling “Dehumidifier Function”. When enabling Dehumidifier Function, the computer will power on automatically to dehumidify the system after entering S4/S5 state.

Dehumidifier Period

This allows users to configure the period of time until the computer powers on and enables “Dehumidifier” after entering S4/S5 state.

Dehumidifier Duration

This allows users to configure the duration of the dehumidifying process before it returns to S4/S5 state.

Dehumidifier CPU Fan Setting

Use this setting to configure CPU fan speed while “Dehumidifier” is enabled.

3.7 Boot Screen

In this section, it will display the available devices on your system for you to configure the boot settings and the boot priority.

Setup Prompt Timeout

This shows the number of seconds to wait for setup activation key. 65535(0xFFFF) means indefi nite waiting.

Bootup Num-Lock

If this item is set to [On], it will automatically activate the Numeric Lock function after boot-up.

PCI ROM Priority

Use this item to adjust PCI ROM Priority. The default value is [Legacy ROM].

Full Screen Logo

Use this item to enable or disable OEM Logo. The default value is [Enabled].

AddOn ROM Display

Use this option to adjust AddOn ROM Display. If you enable the option “Full Screen Logo” but you want to see the AddOn ROM information when the system boots, please select [Enabled]. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled]. The default value is [Enabled].

Boot From Onboard LAN

Use this item to enable or disable the Boot From Onboard LAN feature.

Boot Failure Guard

Enable or disable the feature of Boot Failure Guard.

Boot Failure Guard Count

Enable or disable the feature of Boot Failure Guard Count.

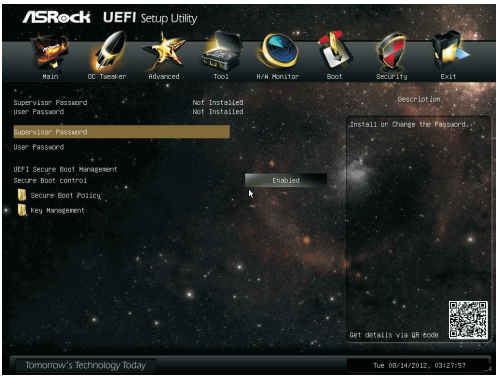
CSM parameters

Launch Video OpROM policy

Use this to control the execution of UEFI and Legacy Video OpROM. The default value is [Legacy only].

3.8 Security Screen

In this section, you may set or change the supervisor/user password for the system. For the user password, you may also clear it.



Secure Boot Control

Use this to enable or disable Secure Boot Control. The default value is [Enabled].

Secure Boot Policy

Internal FV

Image Execution Policy on Security Violation. Image load device path. The default value is [Always Execute].

Option ROM

The default value is [Deny Execute].

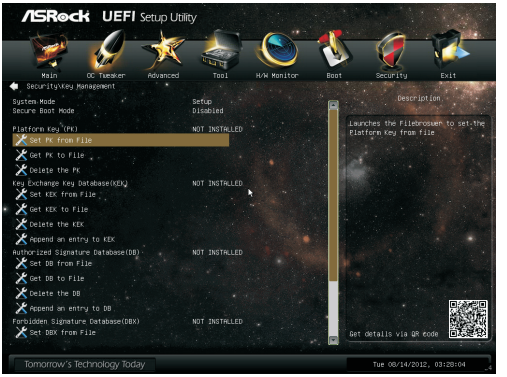
Removable Media

The default value is [Deny Execute].

Fixed Media

The default value is [Deny Execute].

Key Management



3.9 Exit Screen

Save Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, “Save configuration changes and exit setup?” Select [OK] to save the changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY.

Discard Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, “Discard changes and exit setup?” Select [OK] to exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY without saving any changes.

Discard Changes

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, “Discard changes?” Select [OK] to discard all changes.

Load UEFI Defaults

Load UEFI default values for all the setup questions. F9 key can be used for this operation.

4. Software Support

4.1 Install Operating System

This motherboard supports various Microsoft® Windows® operating systems: 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP SP3. Because motherboard settings and hardware options vary, use the setup procedures in this chapter for general reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for more information.

4.2 Support CD Information

The Support CD that came with the motherboard contains necessary drivers and useful utilities that enhance the motherboard features.

4.2.1 Running The Support CD

To begin using the support CD, insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive. The CD automatically displays the Main Menu if “AUTORUN” is enabled in your computer. If the Main Menu did not appear automatically, locate and double click on the file “ASSETUP.EXE” from the BIN folder in the Support CD to display the menus.

4.2.2 Drivers Menu

The Drivers Menu shows the available devices drivers if the system detects the installed devices. Please install the necessary drivers to activate the devices.

4.2.3 Utilities Menu

The Utilities Menu shows the applications software that the motherboard supports. Click on a specific item then follow the installation wizard to install it.

4.2.4 Contact Information

If you need to contact ASRock or want to know more about ASRock, welcome to visit ASRock’s website at http://www.asrock.com; or you may contact your dealer for further information.

Installing OS on a HDD Larger Than 2TB

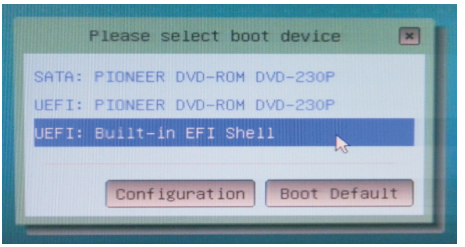
This motherboard is adopting UEFI BIOS that allows Windows® OS to be installed on a large size HDD (>2TB). Please follow below procedure to install the operating system.

1. Please make sure to use **Windows® Vista™ 64-bit (with SP1 or above)** or **Windows® 7 64-bit**.
2. Press <F2> or <Delete> at system POST. Set **AHCI Mode** in UEFI Setup Utility > Advanced > Storage Configuration > SATA Mode.
3. Choose the item **"UEFI:xxx"** to boot in UEFI Setup Utility > Boot > Boot Option #1. ("xxx" is the device which contains your Windows® installation files. Normally it is an optical drive.) You can also press <F11> to launch boot menu at system POST and choose the item **"UEFI:xxx"** to boot.
4. Start Windows® installation.

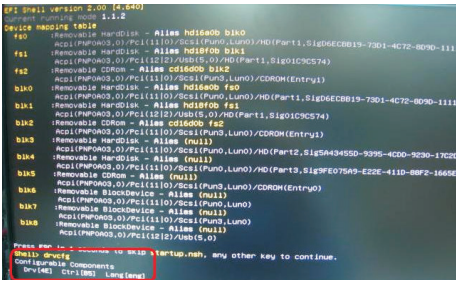
Installing OS on a HDD Larger Than 2TB in RAID Mode

This motherboard is adopting UEFI BIOS that allows Windows® OS to be installed on a large size HDD (>2TB). Please follow below procedure to install the operating system.

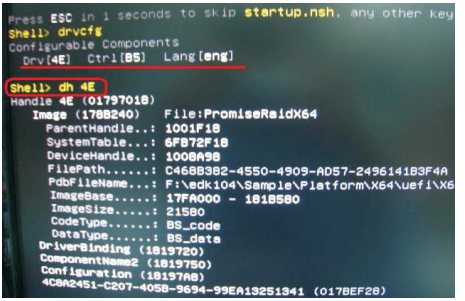
1. Please make sure to use **Windows® Vista™ 64-bit (with SP1 or above)** or **Windows® 7 64-bit**.
2. Press <F2> or <Delete> at system POST. Set **RAID Mode** in UEFI Setup Utility > Advanced > Storage Configuration > SATA Mode.
3. Choose **onboard RAID 3TB+ unlocker** > **UEFI Mode For GPT partition**. Press <F10> to save the change and exit.
4. Press <F11> to enter Boot Manual. Choose **UEFI : Built - in EFI Shell**.



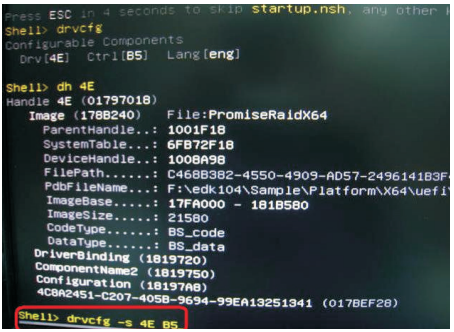
5. Key in **drvcfg**, for example you will see below:
   Drv[4E] Ctrl[B5] Lang[eng]



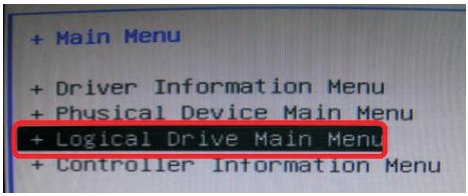
6. Key in **dh [Drv number]**, for example: key in **dh 4E**.



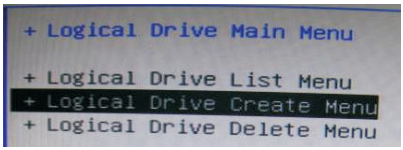
7. And then key in **drvcfg –s [Drv number] [Ctrl number]** to enter Raid Utility.
   For example: key in **drvcfg –s 4E B5**.



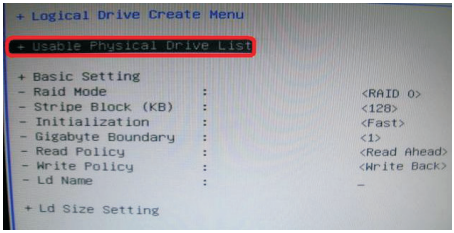
8. Choose **Logical Drive Main Menu** to set up Raid Drive.



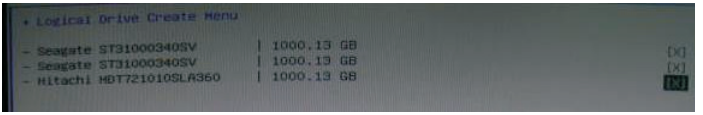
9. Choose **Logical Drive Create Menu** to create a Raid Drive.



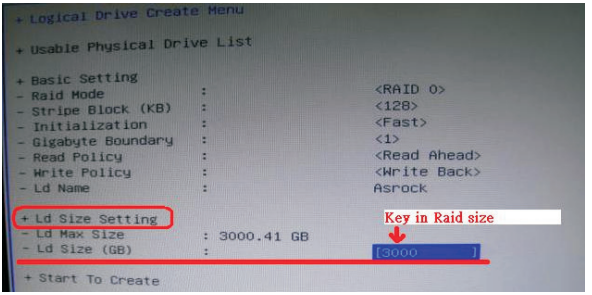
10. Choose **Usable Physical Drive List** to select Raid HDD.



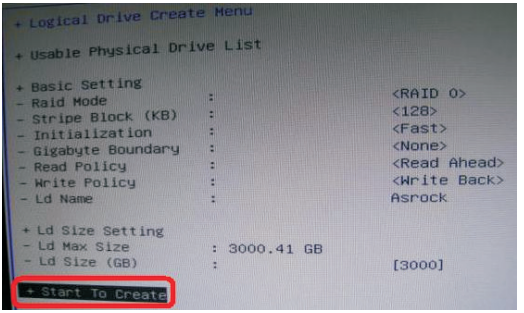
11. Press **Space** on keyboard to toggle checkbox.



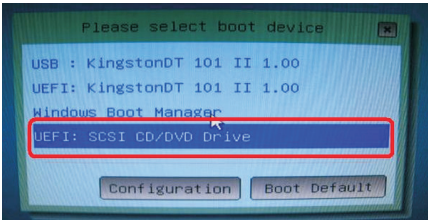
12. Choose **Ld Size setting**, and key in the Raid size.



13. After set up Raid size, please click **Start to Create**.



14. Press <F10> to exit Utility.
15. During reboot, please press <F11> to enter Boot Manual. Choose **UEFI: SCSI CD/DVD Drive**.



* This option only shows on Windows® 7 64-bit and Vista™ 64-bit OS.

16. Follow Windows® Installation Guide to install OS.

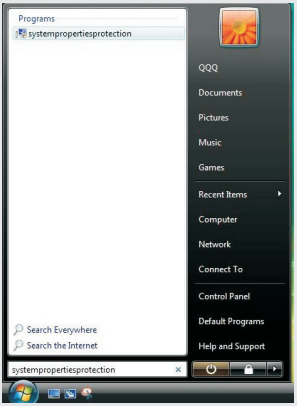
If you install Windows® 7 64-bit / Vista™ 64-bit in a large hard disk (ex. Disk volume > 2TB), it may take more time to boot into Windows® or install driver/ utilities. If you encounter this problem, you will need to following instructions to fix this problem.

Windows® Vista™ 64-bit:

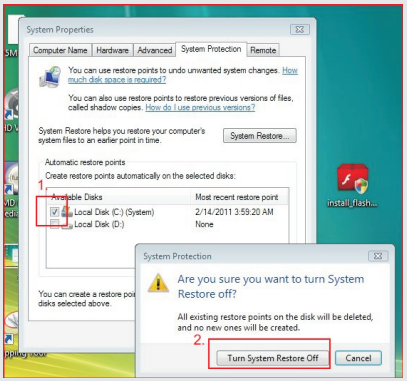
Microsoft® does not provide hotfix for this problem. Below steps are Microsoft® suggested solution:

A. Disable System Restore.

a. Type “systempropertiesprotection” in the Start Menu. Then press "Enter".

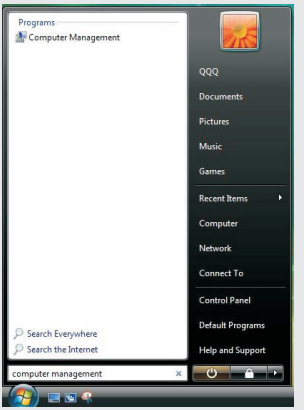


b. De-select Local Disks for System Restore. Then Click “Turn System Restore Off” to confirm. Then Press “Ok”.

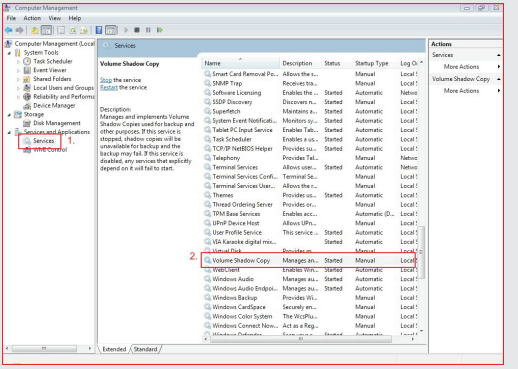

System Properties
Computer Name
Hardware
Advanced
System Protection
Remote
You can use restore points to undo unwanted system changes. How much disk space is required?
You can also use restore points to restore previous versions of files, called shadow copies. How do I use previous versions?
System Restore helps you restore your computer's system files to an earlier point in time.
System Restore...
Automatic restore points
Create restore points automatically on the selected disks:
1.
Available Disks
Most recent restore point
Local Disk (C:) (System)
2/14/2011 3:59:20 AM
Local Disk (D:)
None
System Protection
Are you sure you want to turn System Restore off?
All existing restore points on the disk will be deleted, and no new ones will be created.
2.
Turn System Restore Off
Cancel
install_flash...

B. Disable “Volume Shadow Copy” service.

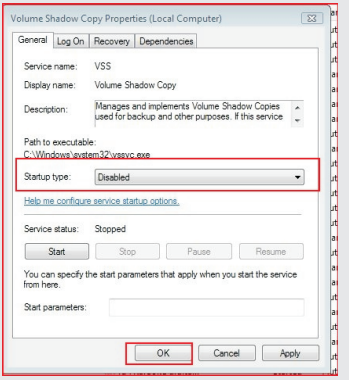
a. Type “computer management” in the Start Menu, then press “Enter”.



b. Go to “Services and Applications>Services”; Then double click “Volume Shadow Copy”.



c. Set “Startup type” to “Disable” then Click “OK”.



C. Reboot your system.
D. After reboot, please start to install motherboard drivers and utilities.

Windows® 7 64-bit:

A. Please request the hotfix KB2505454 thru this link:
http://support.microsoft.com/kb/2505454/
B. After installing Windows® 7 64-bit, install the hotfix kb2505454.
(This may take long time; >30 mins.)
C. Reboot your system. (It may take about 5 mins to boot.)
D. The Windows® will install this hotfix then reboot by itself.
E. Please start to install motherboard drivers and utilities.

17. Finish.